

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS FOR OPENING OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the targets fixed for opening New Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan have slipped due to poor performance of Private Operators and non supply of essential equipment;
- (b) if so, the number of Telephone Exchanges proposed for the year 2001-2002 in Rajasthan during the current financial year, district-wise;
- (c) whether 20 Telephone Exchanges were planned for Barmer and Jaisalmer district for 2000-2001 but only two Telephone Exchanges were installed/commissioned in these districts bordering Pakistan having vital importance from Defence point of view; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to black list private operators giving poor performance and non supply of essential components?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Targets were slipped due to poor supply of equipments.
- (b) 100 New Telephone Exchanges are planned for Rajasthan during 2001-2002. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (c) Total 9 New Telephone Exchanges have been opened in 2000-2001, 4 in Barmer and 5 in Jaisalmer district.
- (d) Defective equipments received from the suppliers have been rejected. Payments of the suppliers have also been withheld.

ANNEXURE

District wise Plan for New Exchanges for 2001-2002.

Sl. No. District Plan

1	Ajmer	1
2	Alwar	4
3	Banswara	1
4	Dungarpur	0
5	Barmer	7
6	Bharatpur	4
7	Dholpur	3
8	Bhilwara	4
9	Bikaner	4
10	Bundi	2
11	Chittorgarh	1
12	Churu	10
13	Jaipur	0
14	Dausa	0
15	Jaisalmer	4
16	Jhalawar	4
17	Jhunjhunu	3
18	Jodhpur	11
19	Baran	4
20	Kota	4
21	Nagpur	7
22	Pali	1
23	Sawai Madhopur	0
24	Karauli	2
25	Sikar	5
26	Jalore	3

27	Sirohi	0
28	Hanumangarh	6
29	Sri Ganganagar	2
30	Tonk	1
31	Rajsamand	0
32	Udaipur	2

Total 100